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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Sue A. Weaver

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13-24, 26, 27 and 32 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-12, 25, 28-31 and 33-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 3-12, 25, 28-31 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In the amendment filed 12/8/06 applicants amended the claims in the first line to change beverage container to bottle. However it appears that the change to bottle wasn't carried out throughout the claims.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the container" in line 3, 6 and 10. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 11 recites the limitation "the container" in lines 2 and 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 12 recites the limitation "the container" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 25 recites the limitation "the beverage container" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 29 recites the limitation "the container" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

It isn't clear what applicants mean by the expression "wherein within at least a portion of the crown portion a cross sectional area of the wall of said container," in claim 36. It appears as though something was left out.

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2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schoonover et al '314.

Schoonover et al teach a container that could be used for water storage and includes a bottom wall with a recess at 60 and four sidewalls with grooves at 60 to aid in handling the container. Note that the shape of the sidewall grooves are such that they slope toward the bottom wall and that the opening at the top is threaded.

3. Claims 1, 4, 28,31 and 33-36, insofar as they are definite, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Skolnicki et al '792.

Skolnicki et al teach a bottle with a bottom wall having a recess, note 60 for example for gripping and four side walls with a gripping groove at 70A which slopes down toward the bottom wall. Note the opening at the top with a cap and the sloping of the sidewalls toward the top.

4. Claims 13-24, 26, 27 and 32 are still allowed while claim 2 has been canceled.

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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